

BILL AIMED AT FORD PAPER PUT THROUGH

LANSING, Mich., April 22.—A bill defining and prohibiting general libel passed the lower house of the Michigan legislature yesterday. Introduced by Representative George Welsh, of Grand Rapids, it defines general libel as an attack upon the patriotism or loyalty of members of any religious denomination or sect. The bill now goes to the senate.

Bitter debate preceded passage of the measure in the house. Its proponents asserted it was necessary to "combat a vicious anti-Semitic campaign by a Michigan publication," while its opponents declared it was too broad. "It is not aimed alone at the anti-Semitic campaign," said Representative Frick, of Detroit, adding that it would prevent newspapers from attacking political parties.

99-YEAR JAIL TERM HALTS HONEYMOON

Kentucky Boy Torn From Bride to Begin Sentence for Slaying.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 22.—"You have three days in which to present Bernice E. Larmon in court here to receive sentence of ninety-nine years."

This message from authorities at Tallahassee, Fla., to John H. Larmon here is a dramatic story into which is interwoven the love, romantic elopement and tragedy of a Bowling Green youth, and his seventeen-year-old bride, members of prominent families. Eighteen months ago, Larmon, twenty, son of John H. Larmon, wealthy farmer, and Miss Margaret Warden, school girl, daughter of L. J. Warden, Bowling Green business man, were secretly married. They left in his father's automobile for a honeymoon tour through the South. The next their parents heard from the couple was when news came of their arrest on a charge of murdering a Tallahassee taxicab driver.

The bride couple, running short of funds, had sold the Larmon car and engaged the taxicab driver to take them about. The driver's body was found hidden in a culvert. His taxicab had been sold at a town near Tallahassee.

At the trial at Tallahassee last summer the young wife said she was holding a pistol when it was accidentally discharged, killing the chauffeur. The couple hid the body after carrying it some distance under robes in the car. They put the body under the culvert because they were afraid, both said.

Larmon was given a life sentence in prison; his bride was acquitted. Larmon later was released on \$20,000 bond, furnished by his father, pending an appeal. He then was allowed to return to Kentucky to finish his honeymoon and live for a time with his bride. For nearly a year they awaited daily with growing anxiety the verdict that would grant the boy a new trial or mean life separation. The news came today to the boy's father, Larmon and his bride started again over the honeymoon trail. Larmon will reach Tallahassee tomorrow, when the sentence will be passed upon him. His wife expects to stay in Tallahassee, as near to him as possible.

MISS GERALDINE MILLER GRAHAM, of Santa Barbara, Cal., who was declared by the Prince of Wales to be the "most beautiful girl in America," has broken her engagement to wed Whitney Warren, Jr., of New York.



WEALTHY DRUGGIST FLOGGED BY GANG

Mystery Veils Attack on Lonely Alabama Road—Woman Said to Figure.

SYLACAUGA, Ala., April 22.—Mystery, with a sensational tang, is enveloping this little city because of the severe whipping administered P. S. Debardeleben, wealthy and well-known druggist, on a lonely road near here.

The mystery deepens because the victim refuses to divulge the names of his assailants or to intimate the cause for the attack. It is reliably reported, however, that a woman is in the background and that those who administered the beating have given Debardeleben ninety days to close his business and leave the town.

POLICE IN IGNORANCE.

"I know nothing of the affair except what the public knows," declared J. B. Persons, police chief, today. "I visited Mr. Debardeleben yesterday, following the occurrence, but he refuses to discuss the matter with any intelligible connection. I also visited the scene of the whipping, but that furnished me no clues upon which to effect arrest. He has refused to give a warrant issued. I did not visit him today because I understand a brother from Birmingham and a priest from Anneton are at his bedside."

According to the best obtainable information Debardeleben was kidnapped by men armed with clubs Tuesday night, hustled into a waiting automobile and taken south on the turnpike road a few miles from the city. It is stated the car was stopped and the prisoner taken out and given a severe flogging. It is reported that he was unconscious as a result of the beating and in addition to bruises of a serious character he has a fractured jawbone and numerous injuries about the head and body.

HIS INJURIES SERIOUS.

After regaining consciousness Debardeleben crawled from the woods where he was left by the kidnapers and attracted the attention of a negro living in the vicinity. The negro hitched up a team and brought him to his home in this city. He again lapsed into unconsciousness and remained in that condition for several hours. It is declared that his injuries are serious, but it is thought he will recover.

He is about thirty-five years old and married. He has conducted a prosperous drug store here for many years. The fact that he refuses to talk has caused the police investigation to remain at an absolute standstill. About the only information Chief Parsons has is that he was seized while en route home and that the kidnapers were fairly numerous, in that several autos were in the party.

17 KILLED IN 2 DAYS IN ITALIAN RED WAR

Clashes Increase Between Fascists and Communists—Govt. Warned to Stop Conflicts.

Rome, April 22.—Conflicts between Fascist (Italian extreme conservatives) and Communists are reported in increasing numbers from various parts of Italy.

At Taranto two labor exchanges and a Socialist club were burned after street battles. At Eova six Communists and three Fascists were killed when a lorry carrying Fascists was attacked from ambush by Communists.

At Parma troops charged into a rioting mob with machine guns, killing two. At Tuscany two were killed in a street fight today. Four were killed in that city yesterday.

As a result of this growing wave of violence, the Socialist members of the chamber of deputies today notified Premier Giolitti that they will bring about complete abatement of Socialist elections in the coming elections if the government does not stop the alleged provocative tactics of the Fascists.

CHINESE BELLES SHOW THEIR SILK HOSIERY NOW

Pantaloons Follow Upward Trend in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Only a decade ago the most flirtatious Chinese maid whose smiles ever started a tong war would not think of letting Caucasian eyes rest upon her trim Oriental ankle, any more than would her "com" go a-wooling without wearing a queue.

The Chinese revolution cut off the queues. And now Dame Fashion has clipped a full eight inches off the pretty pantaloons of the celestial maidens, revealing for the first time on the streets of San Francisco's Chinatown pretty ankles and a bit more, encased in as entrancing bits of silk as any American girl can wear.

In the shops of Chinatown—the shops where the Chinese and not the tourists do their buying—luxuriously embroidered hosiery has taken its place on the shopkeepers' shelves beside the dragon-covered kimono, and the daintiest little slippers American markets can produce are sold to the owners of tiny Chinese feet.

"Sure, we like 'em," all same American girl," was what Rose Gee had to say about her new silk stockings and tiny pumps which showed beneath her lavender silk pantaloons, embroidered in white.

"See, they pretty," she added, coyly looking downward.

There was none to dispute her word.

DULUTH TO FOX TROT TO ANNAPOLIS MUSIC

DULUTH, Minn., April 22.—Duluth will dance to phonograph music in Annapolis, Md., it was announced today by officials of the second Duluth Electric Exposition, which opened here last night. The music will come from the United States naval radio station at Annapolis.

Amplifiers capable of magnifying the human voice 600 times will be used when the music is transferred by wireless telephone to the Duluth Armory.

Woodward & Lothrop

Open 9:15 A. M.

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris

Close 6 P. M.

Smart Gingham Frocks for Misses Unusual Values, \$10.75

It is not often that one sees such delightfully youthful frocks as these at this low price—and if we are to believe what Fashion says, every miss will want two or three gingham frocks in her summer wardrobe.

From the many attractive models in fine pin checks and large plaids in a bewitching variety of colors, we have taken two to sketch.

One, finely checked in blue and white, with a new apron overskirt, collar and cuffs of white organdy trimmed in narrow bands of gingham, and the blouse ends in large bow at the back.

Red and white in dainty checks, which, by the way, is one of the smartest color combinations, fashions the other frock. The surplice blouse ties at the back, and crisp white organdy trimmed in pointed loops, makes the collar, cuffs and pocket trimmings.

Misses' Section, Fourth floor.

Milanese Silk Gloves are specially priced

\$1.85

Women's 16-button length Milanese Silk Gloves, with Paris point embroidery, in white only. You will like these gloves, not only because they are fashionable, but because they are so cool and comfortable for summer weather.

Glove Section, First floor.

Good Looking Tuxedo Sweaters moderately priced, \$3.95

These practical little sweaters are knitted of a light-weight wool, just right for this kind of weather. The long tuxedo collar, cuffs and narrow belt, knitted in a contrasting stitch add smartness. The colors are reseda, neptune, orchid, navy and gray.

Sweater Section, Third floor.

Tailored Dimity Shirts

\$2.95 and \$3.95

This season the smart tailored shirt is favored. Among the many attractive styles we are showing are the two illustrated.

The pointed collar, cuffs and ladder-stitching of the one and the Romany collar and dainty black tie of the other give them a distinctly new tailored style.

Both are exceptional values at these prices.

Blouse Section, Third floor.

Dainty New Glove Silk Underwear for Women

A novel set, we have just received, consisting of vest and bloomers, is of pink glove silk, in striped lace effect. The bodice vest has shoulder straps and the bloomers are finished with elastic and shirring at the knee. Vest, \$2.50; Bloomers, \$3.00.

Glove Silk Vests, flesh color, with regulation or bodice strap shoulders, reinforced under the arms, \$2.50.

"Step-ins," of flesh glove silk are edged with dainty Val lace and caught at each side with tiny ribbon bows, \$3.00.

Silk-top Combinations, have cotton bodies, regulation or ribbon shoulder straps, in pink or white. Regular sizes \$2.00, extra sizes, \$2.25.

Women's Knit Underwear Section—Third floor.

Take Home a Box of Good Chocolates for over the week-end

These Are Exceptionally Fine and Specially Priced,

60c pound

An excellent assortment of chocolates, in strawberry creams, cream brazils, cream almonds, maple walnuts, chocolate marshmallows, molasses, cocoanuts and whipped creams.

Candy Section, Fourth floor.

An Unusual Sale of

New Ready-to-Wear Hats

Very Specially Priced

\$7.50

You will be delighted with these very smart and attractive hats we are offering at such an uncommonly low price. Every one of these hats has a style and individuality characteristic of the higher-priced models, showing all the prettiest colorings and newest materials of the season.

From the wide assortment you may choose large drooping leghorns, with soft sashes or velvet ribbon wound around the crown; small, close-fitting affairs that enliven the street costume with their perky bows of shiny ribbon, wide, rough straws, wreathed in summer field flowers, smart little sports hats of knitted wool or straw, and various attractive shapes, in georgette crepe and fine silky braids, in white, pale pink and gray.

Altogether it is a most satisfying collection, not the usual sort of sale hats one sees, but smart hats unusually priced.

Millinery Section, Third floor.

The World's Verdict On Harding's Message

Disappointment in Berlin and cordial approval in London and Paris are among the significant foreign reactions to the President's first message to Congress. At home a majority of the papers applaud his program, yet a few sharply dissenting voices are heard.

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week, April 23d, quotes a large variety of opinions from the press of the country on this question. The New York World regards the peace plan outlined by Mr. Harding as "a miserable makeshift that no President would ever adopt of his own initiative," and the Louisville Courier-Journal characterizes his proposed "association of nations for world peace" as a "toothless whatnot, with no power to promote peace except to talk about it," while the Philadelphia Ledger considers it "woefully incomplete" and "a negative rather than a positive policy." On the other hand the Providence Journal praises the message for its "prevailing note of lofty Americanism," the Cleveland Plain Dealer avers that "granting the President's point of view, which appears also to be the point of view of the majority of Americans, his program cannot well be challenged," and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat feels that he "has opened a new way to the solution of the problem of our international relations."

Among the other deeply interesting articles in this issue are:

A New Tax

A Summary of Varying Views on the Proposed Sales Tax Designed to "Lift the Burden of War-taxation from the Shoulders of the American People."

An American Report on the Irish Terror To Enforce Prohibition in New York
England's "Industrial Revolution"
Sleepless German Propaganda
"Saving The Pieces" in Austria
If Soviet Russia Collapsed—
Our Literary "Rebirth" Doubted
A Painter's View of House and Wilson
Saving Dollars and Risking Souls
Colonel Harvey, "Ambassador Extraordinary"
"They Used To Call It The Front"
A Car That Will Not Telescope
Best of the Current Poetry

Full-page Colored Map Showing Countries in the League of Nations
Why Glue Is Gluey
Our Climatic Travels
Why Tax Alcohol?
Swat the Spring Fly
Burroughs Launches a Shaft in Passing—
A Small-Town War Memorial
Cardinal Gibbons as "Interpreter of Catholicism"
The Bible in "American"
Lawyers Still Make Our Laws in Congress
A Yankee Toy That Jars the British
Topics of the Day

Many Illustrations, Maps and Humorous Cartoons

Hon. FRANK W. MONDELL, Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., says:—"I believe THE LITERARY DIGEST is doing a valuable service for the Nation. The greatest difficulty I have is to secure the benefit of current discussion of public questions in the limited time at my command. THE DIGEST is the most helpful agency at my command for this purpose."

April 23d Number on Sale To-day—News-dealers 10 Cents—\$4.00 a Year

The
Literary Digest

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY (Publishers of the Famous NEW Standard Dictionary), NEW YORK

This is
Mark of
Distinction to
Be a Reader of
The Literary
Digest